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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1-7 as follows:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) A document management apparatus [for] managing electronic documents by being connected to an information management device [for] maintaining master information for a plurality types of attribute information included in said documents through a communication network[;], said apparatus comprising:

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a document storage section [for] storing [therein a plurality of] said documents;
a communication section [for] acquiring information from a device connected to said communication network;


a determination section [for] determining for each document stored in said document storage section by reading out the master information maintained by said information management device through said communication section whether [a relation between] the attribute information included in the document conflicts with the master information [or not];
and

a rewriting section [for] rewriting any of the attribute information included in the document when said determination section determines that the [relation between the] attribute information conflicts with the master information [to attribute information in the master information so as not to conflict with the master information].

2. (ONCE AMENDED) A document apparatus according to claim 1[;], wherein said document is a document including corporate organization codes as well as corporate organization names as attribute information for managing targets to be distributed of a document as an object for distribution;

said determination section determines that [a relation between] attribute information included in a document conflicts with the master information in a case where the corporate

organization codes included in said document are stored in the master information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein, and also in a case where the corporate organization names included in said document are stored in the master information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein; and

 said rewriting section rewrites corporate organization names in said document when it is determined by said determination section that [the relation between] the attribute information include in said document conflicts with the master information because the corporate organization codes included in said document are stored in the master information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein, and rewrites corporate organization codes in said document when it is determined by the determination section that [the relation between] the attribute information included in said document conflicts with the master information because the corporate organization names included in said document are stored in the master information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein.

3. (ONCE AMENDED) A document management apparatus according to claim 2[;], wherein said document as an object for distribution is correlated to job information; a second information management device [for] maintaining second master information in which a corporate organization code or a corporate organization name can be retrieved from job information is connected to the communication network; said document managing apparatus further comprising:

a retrieving section [for] retrieving, for each of said document stored in the document storage section, a corporate organization code or a corporate organization name correlated to job information related to [a] the document as an object for distribution with the document

related thereto from the second master information maintained by said second information management device through said communication section; and

a second rewriting section [for] rewriting contents of said document, when a combination of the corporate organization code with the corporate organization name retrieved by said retrieving section does not coincide with the combination of the corporate organization code with the corporate organization name included in said document[, contents of said document so as to match between both of the contents].

4. (ONCE AMENDED) A document management apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising an electronic mail outputting section [for] outputting, when a document is rewritten, an electronic mail to notify changing of an attribute information in the document to each department identified by the attribute information included in with rewritten document.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) A document management apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising an electronic mail outputting section [for] outputting, when a document is rewritten, an electronic mail to notify changing of attribute information in the document to each department identified by the attribute information included in the rewritten document.

6. (ONCE AMENDED) A document management apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising an electronic mail outputting section [for] outputting, when a document is rewritten, an electronic mail to notify changing of attribute information in the document to each department identified by the attribute information included in the rewritten document.

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B2 } 7. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium with a computer program recorded therein [for] causing a computer having a communication section function as a document management apparatus [for] managing electronic documents by being connected to an information management device [for] maintaining master information for a plurality types of attribute information included in said documents through a communication network; said apparatus comprising:

a document storage section [for] storing [therein a plurality of] said documents;

a determination section [for] determining for each document stored in said document storage section by reading out the master information maintained by said information management device through said communication section whether [a relation between] the attribute information included in the document conflicts with the master information [or not]; and

a rewriting section [for] rewriting any of the attribute information included in the document when said determination section determines that [the relation between] the attribute information conflicts with the master information [to attribute information in the master information so as not to conflict with the master information].

Please **ADD** new claim 8 as follows:

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B3 } --8. (NEW) A computer system in communication with an information management system and managing document distribution, comprising:

AZ a processor storing in a storage unit documents and attribute information of the documents for managing targets to which the documents are distributed, retrieving master attribute information of the documents from the information management system, determining whether the attribute information of each document conflicts with the master attribute information, and updating the attribute information of each document when determined that the attribute information of each document conflicts with the master attribute information.--